

Alabama Public Health Training Network

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Immunization Update 2004

Satellite Conference

Wednesday, June 9, 2004

2:00-4:00 p.m. (Central Time)

3:00-5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) • 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) • 12:00-2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

"Ring around the rosey, pocket full of posies, Ashes, ashes, we all fall down."

This happy childhood game is one that adults remember and children still have fun playing today. However, this song did not originate under very fun circumstances as it was written back in the 1800's when families and entire communities throughout England were dying. It describes the symptoms and the outcome of Bubonic Plague. "Ring around the rosey" describes the types of red blotches found on the body; "Ashes, ashes" describes the ashes that resulted from burning the contaminated clothes; and "We all fall down" means death.

Fortunately today we can immunize our children for many diseases that were once fatal. Routine immunization of children is the best means of preventing the serious childhood diseases such as Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), Polio, Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (or HIB), Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. Health care providers face challenges because there have been so many changes in standard immunization practices in the past few years that it's hard to keep up with them.

The focus of this program is to discuss public health policy as it applies to the immunization program and the Alabama Department of Public Health. Topics to be discussed include vaccine administration, storage and handling, age group specifics for vaccine administration and influenza recommendations for the upcoming 2004-2005 influenza season. While this program is intended for employees of ADPH, many of the topics covered will be applicable to health care employees in other states.

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Objectives:

1. Describe appropriate storage and handling procedures for vaccines during and after clinic hours.
2. Describe the Alabama Department of Public Health policy in the use of safety needles.
3. Utilize appropriate ADPH Immunization policies when vaccinating children and adults in health department clinics.

Conference Details:

Target Audience: Nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and their colleagues who either give immunizations or set policy for their offices, clinics, communicable disease or infection control programs.

Registration: www.adph.org/alphtn Cost: No cost to view Satellite Coordinates: C & Ku Band

Conference Materials: Posted on website approximately one week before the program. CEUs: Nurses (2.1 hours)

Questions: alphtn@adph.state.al.us or 334-206-5618

ISSUES OR QUESTIONS YOU WANT ADDRESSED DURING THIS CONFERENCE?

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